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The Honorable Pat McCarran
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I greatly appreciated having the opportunity to discuss with you and your staff yesterday the problems arising out of the proposed Section 8 of H.R. 2663 (a bill to provide for the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency), which is now before the Senate.

Your cooperation and understanding as to the purposes of this Section will, I am sure, be of the greatest assistance in securing the passage of this much needed legislation.

I am quite in accord with the thought that your Committee should be apprised of the operation of Section 8 of this proposed bill once it has become law. Therefore, I will send to you personally, as Chairman of the Committee, a quarterly report of the operations of this Section for your confidential use.

As I told you yesterday, we will be more than happy to cooperate with your Committee staff in furnishing you information on a confidential basis which you may from time to time request. I should like to point out, however, that this information must be limited to intelligence secured outside of the United States. As you know, Section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 (Public Law 253 of the 80th Congress) which established the functions of this Agency, specifically prohibits the Central Intelligence Agency from having any internal security functions whatsoever. These functions fall within the province of the FBI. Our functions are exclusively in the field of foreign intelligence. However,

in so far as we do have foreign intelligence information available which might be of assistance to you, we will be glad to furnish it to the best of our ability in response to your requests.

With appreciation for your support of the legislation for this Agency, I am

Sincerely yours,

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